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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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Arts for All: Los Angeles County Regional Blueprint for Arts Education

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has long recognized the importance of the arts in K-12 public education. Substantive research continues to demonstrate that quality arts education enables students to be successful in their academic careers and later in life. Benefits include lower dropout rates for students, higher levels of college acceptance, and increased community engagement after graduation. Today, one in six jobs in Los Angeles County is generated by the creative industries, which produce 650,900 jobs and \$47.7 billion in labor income. If all LA County public school students are to be well prepared to compete for these jobs, more than 65% of which pay a median annual wage greater than the overall countywide median, then students attending public schools in all neighborhoods and regions of the County need to receive a quality public education, which by definition includes the arts.

In September 2002, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted Arts for All:

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The Los Angeles County Regional Blueprint for Arts Education, directing the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, together with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, to lead the effort toward ensuring an arts education for every Los Angeles County public school student. In 2007, the Board of Supervisors allocated \$224,000 from the General Fund for Arts for All programs and services that would assist school districts in rebuilding the delivery systems needed to provide arts instruction for all students. At that time, Arts for All was partnering with 28 school districts from across the County to support local efforts to increase arts instruction. Today Arts for All is partnering with 62 of the County's 81 school districts, plus three charter school networks, that collectively serve 1,281,988 students, or 83% of LA County's total public school population. Consistent growth and expansion throughout Arts for All's fourteen year history has put the initiative on track to be partnering with all 81 LA County School districts and probation camps by 2020, directly supporting their efforts to provide sustainable, high quality arts instruction for all 1.6 million LA County public school students.

I, **THEREFORE MOVE** that the CEO report back at the supplemental budget meeting on how to fund an increase to the Arts for All program.

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